Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 26 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Tuesday 27 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 25 Apr 2021 at 15:05 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a change to cold northeasterly airstream from Tuesday, with snow showers on the hills. Some uncertainty to the amount of showers and possibility of any brightness.

Headline for Monday 26 Apr 2021: Cloud increasing and rain and sleet by mid morning, turning colder later.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 26 Apr 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull	Heavy Rain	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet showers (night)	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	30%	60%	60%	40%	40%	40%

Forecast for Monday 26 Apr 2021

Weather: Some clear spells overnight but increasing cloudy by dawn. After daybreak it will become quite cloudy with rain spreading south across the ranges, this will turn increasingly wintry during the afternoon on the munro tops. Rain and sleet will become more showery during the evening but some quite heavy outbreaks at times.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% falling to 50% by evening with cloud increasing and lowering in rain, sleet and snow outbreaks.

Visibility: During the morning visibility will generally be good however as the rain and sleet moves south conditions will deteriorate and visibility will be moderate or poor in outbreaks of rain and sleet. Cloud bases will fall below the summits to around 500m, possibly lower at times on more exposed tops. Cloud may lift for a time later as precipitation becomes more showery but will fall again in heavier showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	21/27 SW	27/33 SW	25/32 SW	26/34 SW	18/26 W	15/21 NW	15/19 NW	13/18 N	17/23 NE
900	20/25 SW	24/31 SW	24/31 SW	24/33 SW	18/26 W	15/21 NW	14/18 NW	13/17 N	15/22 NE
600	13/19 SW	18/24 SW	17/24 SW	19/27 SW	15/23 W	12/18 NW	11/15 NW	10/15 N	12/18 NE
300	2/17 SW	4/22 SW	5/23 SW	8/28 SW	8/23 W	6/18 NW	7/17 NW	6/16 N	5/17 NE
Glen	3/12 SW	6/16 S	8/18 SW	13/25 SW	11/20 W	9/16 W	6/13 NW	6/14 N	8/17 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-2	3/-4	2/-5	2/-4	1/-5	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4	0/-5
900	4/-1	3/-2	2/-4	3/-3	2/-4	2/-3	2/-3	1/-3	1/-4
600	6/3	6/1	4/-0	5/0	4/-0	4/0	4/1	3/-0	3/-1
300	8/7	7/6	7/5	7/4	7/5	7/5	7/5	5/3	5/4
Glen	9/8	9/8	9/7	9/6	10/7	10/8	10/8	8/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	1300m	1200m	1200m	1300m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Freezing level falling steadily during the day and feeling quite chilly by evening in brisk northerly winds.

Forecast for Tuesday 27 Apr 2021
Weather: Outbreaks of sleet and snow overnight will continue during the day, especially on more northeasterly ranges, some drier spells are likely futher west like on the Cuillins and also during the afternoon and evening in the north. Showers quite blustery in the strong northeasterly winds and feeling very cold on the hills.

Maximum wind: Northeasterly 15-20mph with gusts 25-30mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%, cloud will lift a little outwith showers especially later in the day.

Visibility: Quite poor visibility throughout the day especially on more northerly hills with cloud bases broken above 500m. There will be some improvement by late afternoon. Further west and south will see some brighter spells and cloud may break here at times.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to plus 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 falling to minus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1000m falling to 700m.

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